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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKAHIRO HORIKOSHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BROWN, K.
SERIAL NO: 09/680,513 :
FILED: OCTOBER 6, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2877
FOR: EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE :
APPARATUS AND MAKING METHOD
OF THE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
THE DEVICE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

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SIR:

This petition is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 18, 2004.

This petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requests that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 11, 2001, indicate acknowledgement of each of the references cited in the filed IDS.

On October 11, 2001, Applicants filed an IDS listing three references indicated AA, AO, and AP.

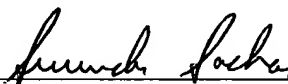
With the Office Action of December 4, 2001, Applicants received a copy of the previously submitted Form PTO-1449 that acknowledged consideration of reference AA. However, that provided copy of form PTO-1449 appears to have inadvertently not indicated acknowledgement of references labeled AO and AP.

The present petition requests that those references AO and AP be acknowledged as considered as they were properly filed in the noted Information Disclosure Statement. For convenience, a copy of the returned form PTO-1449 only indicating initialing of reference AA is provided. Applicants again request a new copy of the form PTO-1449 indicating acknowledgement of each of the references AA, AO, and AP.

As the Notice of Allowance has already been issued in this application an early action to this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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